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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1651
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q54629

Takashi ECHIGO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/319,384

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 2943

Examiner: Francisco C. Prats

Filed: June 4, 1999

For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING A POROUS ARTICLE AND USE THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2002, in which the Examiner set a three-month period for response.

A Petition for Extension of Time for three months is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, extending the time for response from May 13, 2002 to August 13, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 6 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

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1. (amended) A composition for injection treatment of wood for preservation comprising an enzyme having a polyphenol oxidizing activity and an optimum reaction